

and the sea captain
that greets us, telescope
screwed to his eye,
loaded with spangles and charts,
like a llama spits in our faces.

the green stuff eats our bibs.
and looking up
see it already gone
over the ridges toward Marfa,
one puff hanging out like a leg
disappearing into a cave or a mouth ...

Dogs

The dogs are in the cellar
and howling to get out;
they have eaten the noble corpses,
the silver plate, broken into tombs,
gnawed the hands off statues;
and now they climb up the flue,
through cracks in the ceiling.
they curl behind our chairs,
test the cruets, observe our pictures;
hang from the rafters, singing. and
we slumped in our chairs
tasting our thumbs, they push
us around, statuary on wheels,
speaking the words
that flash across our eyes ...

-- Peter Wild

Alpine, Texas

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